

## **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Deborah Lockwood, Stephen Eddy, Mike Bemben (for Georgia Kosmopoulou), John Veenstra (by phone), Luis Montes, Abbas Johari (by phone), Steven Maier (by phone), Rene Hurst, Aaron Elmer and Timothy Norton (by phone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Deborah Lockwood presided.

**Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes of the September 2012 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

**“Strategies for Enhancing the Success of Online and Military Students.”** Rene Hurst reported that the university panel members found that student retention and GPAs increased with attention to student services, orientation, tracking, more contact and quicker response time. Success teams included students, office contacts, and agencies. Discussion included assessment of online readiness other than computer skills.

**Course Equivalency Project (CEP).** Adrienne Proffer, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Projects, described the CEP process. Discussion included resolving issues of feeder institutions not preparing students, research involving success of transfer students, evaluation of online courses especially those with labs, and the technical crosswalk for courses taught at technology centers.

#### **Discussion of 2012 work plan topics.**

1. Preparation of high school students for college: FAC was updated on the new K-12 standards based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by most states, the Complete College America (CCA) projects, and innovation on campuses such as improvement in freshman orientation;
2. Preparation of transfer students from technology centers, online programs and from community colleges to universities: The FAC received a description of online activity in Oklahoma and the review processes;
3. Improvement of developmental education and gateway courses: FAC was updated on the status of the Complete College America (CCA) projects including the April State System Summit on Remedial Reform, and MSC described developing remedial science course;
4. Impact of faculty salaries on recruitment and retention; FAC reviewed faculty trends and salaries and discussed factors observed on campus;
5. Impact of health insurance and retirement benefits on recruitment and retention: proposed changes at institutions were discussed and suggested that members talk to business officer; and
6. Promoting of higher education in the legislature: “bring a legislator to work” during the fall semester was suggested and was considered at UCO and MSC.

**Faculty Assembly planning.** Survey responses will be compiled and will use Survey Monkey next year. Suggestions for Chancellor's presentation, in addition to his state of higher education presentation for other audiences, include MOOC's, CAEL, and employment rates.

**Next meeting.**

- Saturday, November 3, at 9:00 am (regular FAC meeting)
- Saturday, November 3, at 10:00 am (Annual Faculty Assembly)
- Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 pm in Room 312 of the Nigh University Center, UCO (Student Advisory Board)
- Wednesday, December 5, at 2:30 pm (regular FAC meeting)

**Other.** Adrienne Proffer distributed the tentative agenda for the Statewide Conference on Serving Veterans. Deborah Lockwood described the Legal Issues Conference and discussed the Ethics Commission.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.